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HOUSE RESOLUTION 237

By Phillips

A RESOLUTION to commend Clara Kay Crowell for her honorable and astute service to the people of Tennessee and our Nation.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should pause to specially recognize those estimable Tennesseans who have dedicated themselves to improving the quality of life for their fellow citizens; and

WHEREAS, Clara Kay Crowell is one such person who evinces the greatest integrity and probity in all her chosen endeavors; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Crowell is a highly respected member of the Shelbyville community; and

WHEREAS, she graduated magna cum laude from the University of Tennessee in 1992 with a Bachelor of Science in Business Administration; as an undergraduate, she was named to the National Dean's List and selected for membership in the prestigious Phi Kappa Phi Honor Society and Golden Key National Honor Society; and

WHEREAS, from 1993 until 1998, she served with acumen and alacrity as a Marshal's Aide for the Supreme Court of the United States of America; in her position, she ably supervised and instructed twelve staff members in the preparation, monitoring, and organization of the

Court room and Conference Room and worked directly with the Justices in the Court room during oral argument; and

WHEREAS, she was specifically chosen to aid in Justice Stephen Breyer's transition to the Supreme Court and helped establish his chambers and internal office policies; and

WHEREAS, she quickly earned the respect and admiration of her peers and the Justices and, in 1998, she was selected to serve as a Staff Assistant; among her many important responsibilities, she authored and codified manuals for supervising Supreme Court Bench and Conference Duty and the checklists for such duty, received distinguished visitors of the Justices and other Officers, assisted in responding to requests for seating, and received requests from the Justices' Chambers and oversaw the response to such requests; and

WHEREAS, throughout her exemplary tenure with the Supreme Court, Ms. Crowell has distinguished herself as a public-spirited citizen of the highest order and as an exceptional asset to the Court; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Crowell's remarkable success as a civic leader is directly attributable to her reliance on the time-honored values of hard work and common sense and her uncommon ability to work well with people from all walks of life; and

WHEREAS, she is an extremely giving person who often reaches out with compassion to people whom life has treated unkindly, and she epitomizes the ideal of the consummate professional, dedicated public servant and reliable friend and neighbor in Shelbyville; and

WHEREAS, Clara Kay Crowell is wholly committed to the noble precepts of public service that have earned Tennessee recognition as the "Volunteer State," and she should be specially recognized; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED SECOND GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, That we hereby commend Clara Kay Crowell for her honorable and astute service to the good people of Tennessee and this Nation, salute her unswerving commitment to living the examined life with

courage and conviction, and thank her for serving as an outstanding ambassador for Tennessee.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That we express to her our best wishes for much continued success and happiness.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.